



State of Wisconsin
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2019 SENATE BILL 237

May 23, 2019 - Introduced by Senator BERNIER, cosponsored by Representatives SORTWELL, FELZKOWSKI, DUCHOW, EDMING, MAGNAFICI and QUINN. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 175.35 (2g) (c) 3.; and *to create* 146.901 and 175.60 (9g) (a)
2 2m. of the statutes; **relating to:** persons who use medical marijuana legally
3 and possession of a firearm and confidentiality of the registry status of a person
4 on a medical marijuana registry.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, when a person purchases a handgun, the firearms dealer may not transfer the handgun to the purchaser until the dealer requests the Department of Justice to conduct a firearms restrictions record search to determine if the purchaser is prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law. DOJ must conduct an identical search on a person who applies for a license to carry a concealed weapon. This bill prohibits DOJ, when conducting a search to determine if a person is prohibited from possessing a firearm, from considering if the person participates in a medical marijuana program that is legal under state or federal law.

This bill also prohibits the Department of Health Services from disclosing to any federal agency the registry status of a person who participates in a medical marijuana registry program that is legal under state or federal law.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

5 **SECTION 1.** 146.901 of the statutes is created to read:

